

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A fire alarm method, wherein a plurality of smell-emitting means are provided along an evacuation route with a space therebetween, and under the condition that a fire occurs, emission control means, which is activated based on a signal from fire detection means, controls to activate the plurality of smell-emitting means from one of the plurality of smell emitting means located placed in a vicinity of a spot of the fire and gradually activating at least a portion of the plurality of smell emitting means towards an evacuation exit, so as to emit smell from the smell-emitting means and thereby giving warning of fire.

8. (Currently Amended) A fire alarm method, wherein under the condition that a fire occurs, emission control means, which is activated based on a signal from fire detection means, activates smell-emitting means that emits an awakening ~~smell so as to emit the smell,~~ and then activates smell-emitting means that emits an irritating ~~smell so as to emit the smell,~~ thereby giving ~~warning of fire, warning of fire, the awaking smell and the irritating smell being different in at least one of concentration and chemical composition.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A fire alarm method, wherein a plurality of smell-emitting means are provided along an evacuation route with a space therebetween, and under the condition that a fire occurs, emission control means, which is activated based on a signal from fire detection means, controls to activate at least one of the plurality of smell-emitting means intermittently so as to emit smell such that, in an initial stage of the intermittent operation, emission intervals are long and an emission time period is short, and then as time

elapses, the emission intervals are reduced and the emission time period is increased gradually, thereby giving warning of fire.